



## **RESOLUTION**

Supporting fair and equitable grading treatment for exports of United States wheat products to Canada.

Whereas Canada is the United States' second largest goods trading partner with \$575 billion in goods traded back and forth in 2015. The United States exported \$280 billion and imported \$295 billion in total goods.

Whereas the efficient and equitable flow of agriculture goods across the border is a critical component of the United States and Canada's trade relationship.

Whereas wheat is the third most widely produced field crop in the United States and approximately half of the wheat produced in the United States is exported.

Whereas current Canadian law requires wheat imported from the United States to be segregated from Canadian wheat and automatically designated as feed quality, the lowest possible designation, regardless of the actual quality or the variety of the wheat product.

Whereas current American law allows wheat imported from Canada to be graded under the same system as domestically grown wheat.

Whereas this unfair devaluation practice puts American farmers at a distinct disadvantage when attempting to access Canadian wheat markets.

Whereas Canada's treatment of United States' wheat products is likely a violation of existing trade agreements to the detriment of American farmers.

Whereas the strong economic ties between the United States and Canada are extremely important and well served when a level playing field exists across all industries.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

- (1) Wheat grading practices in Canada should be equivalent and fair to farmers in the United States.
- (2) The President should examine whether Canada's wheat grading laws adhere to existing trade agreements.
- (3) The President should insist on full access for United States exporters of wheat to Canada.